

# *Proclamation*

- WHEREAS*, it has become traditional for communities across America to recognize their lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents during the month of June; and
- WHEREAS*, Alameda is home to a large number of LGBT individuals, couples, and their families; and
- WHEREAS*, LGBT people, as the rainbow flag symbolizes, come from every group, religion, ethnicity, profession/job, ability/disability, size and shape; and
- WHEREAS*, members of the Alameda gay and lesbian community have always—and continue to—dedicate their lives to the country in every capacity, including the military and military reserves, in times of peace and war; and
- WHEREAS*, LGBT residents contribute to Alameda as homeowners, taxpayers, business owners, employees, and providers of critical professional services; and
- WHEREAS*, LGBT residents have enriched the diverse community of Alameda through their participation in city government, the arts, religious institutions, and community organizations; and
- WHEREAS*, Alameda's LGBT residents, their friends, and their families believe that all children and youth deserve to be protected from bullying and harassment, be it from gender, sexual orientation, or from ethnicity, size, race, ability/disability, or any other characteristic of appearance; and
- WHEREAS*, the City of Alameda has stood firmly behind efforts of the LGBT community at large to achieve equal treatment under the law.

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that I, Marie L. Gilmore, do hereby proclaim the month of June as

## *LGBT Pride Month*

in appreciation of the contributions of the LGBT community and its successful quest for equal rights.

Marie L. Gilmore  
Mayor

**City Council**  
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